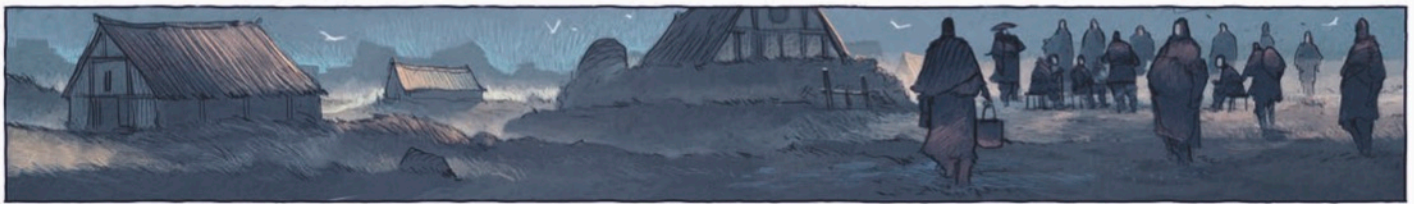


Chapter One
THE ELEMENTALS







YOU'RE WORSE
THAN A MULE,
NILS!

FALCONS GO FURTHER
SOUTH TO LAY THEIR
EGGS. I'VE TOLD YOU
THAT A HUNDRED
TIMES...



I KNOW.
I'M JUST
PRACTICING...

...FOR THE DAY
YOU FINALLY TAKE
ME THERE!



MY RESEARCH
IS IMPORTANT.

I CAN'T JUST SET
IT ASIDE, YOU
KNOW THAT...



WHAT ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF?
THE WHEAT WILL GET SICK?
BUGS WILL SWARM THE CROPS?
MAGGOTS WILL EAT THE ROOTS?

THERE'S NOTHING
GROWING, POP!



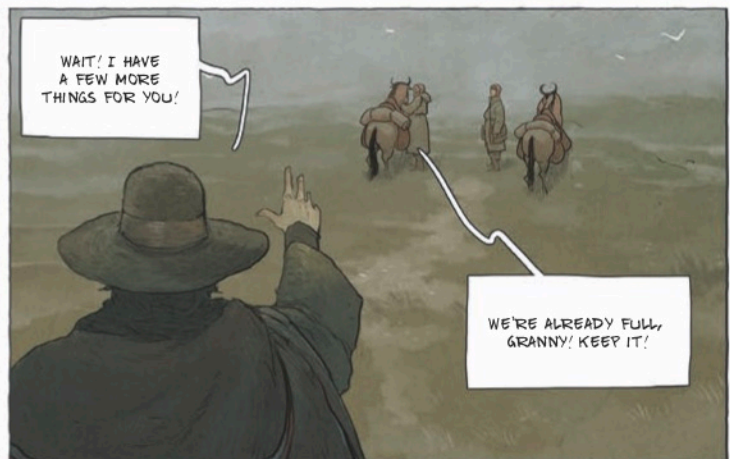
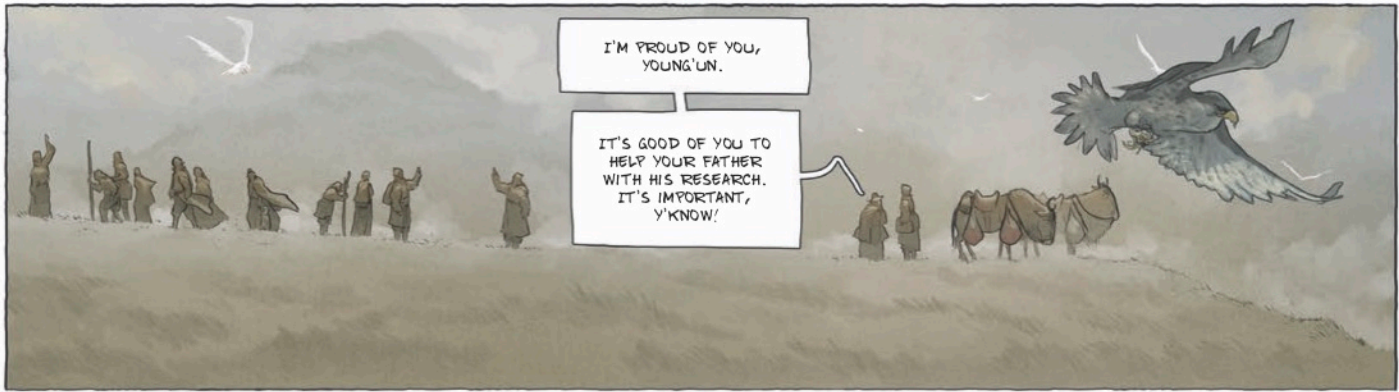
OKAY.
YOU WIN...



WH... REALLY?!
WE CAN GO GET
A FALCON?!

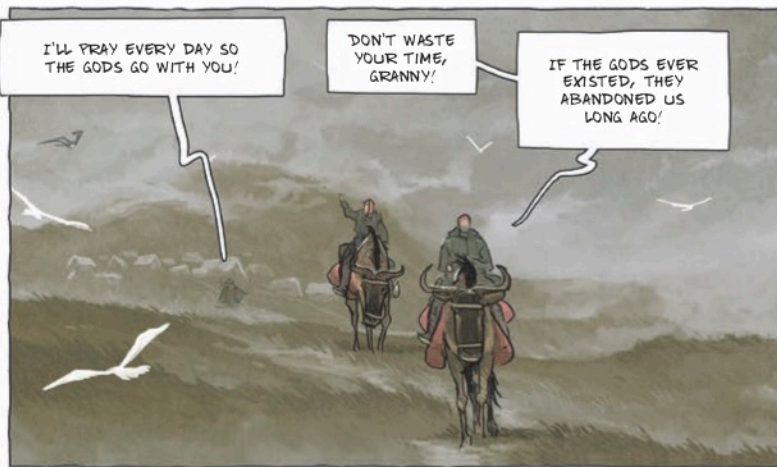


YEAH. NOW GET
DOWN FROM THERE
BEFORE I CHANGE
MY MIND!





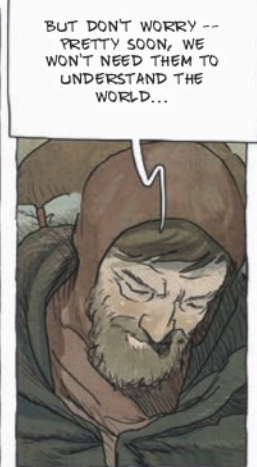
BRAVE
BOYS...



I'LL PRAY EVERY DAY SO
THE GODS GO WITH YOU!

DON'T WASTE
YOUR TIME,
GRANNY!

IF THE GODS EVER
EXISTED, THEY
ABANDONED US
LONG AGO!



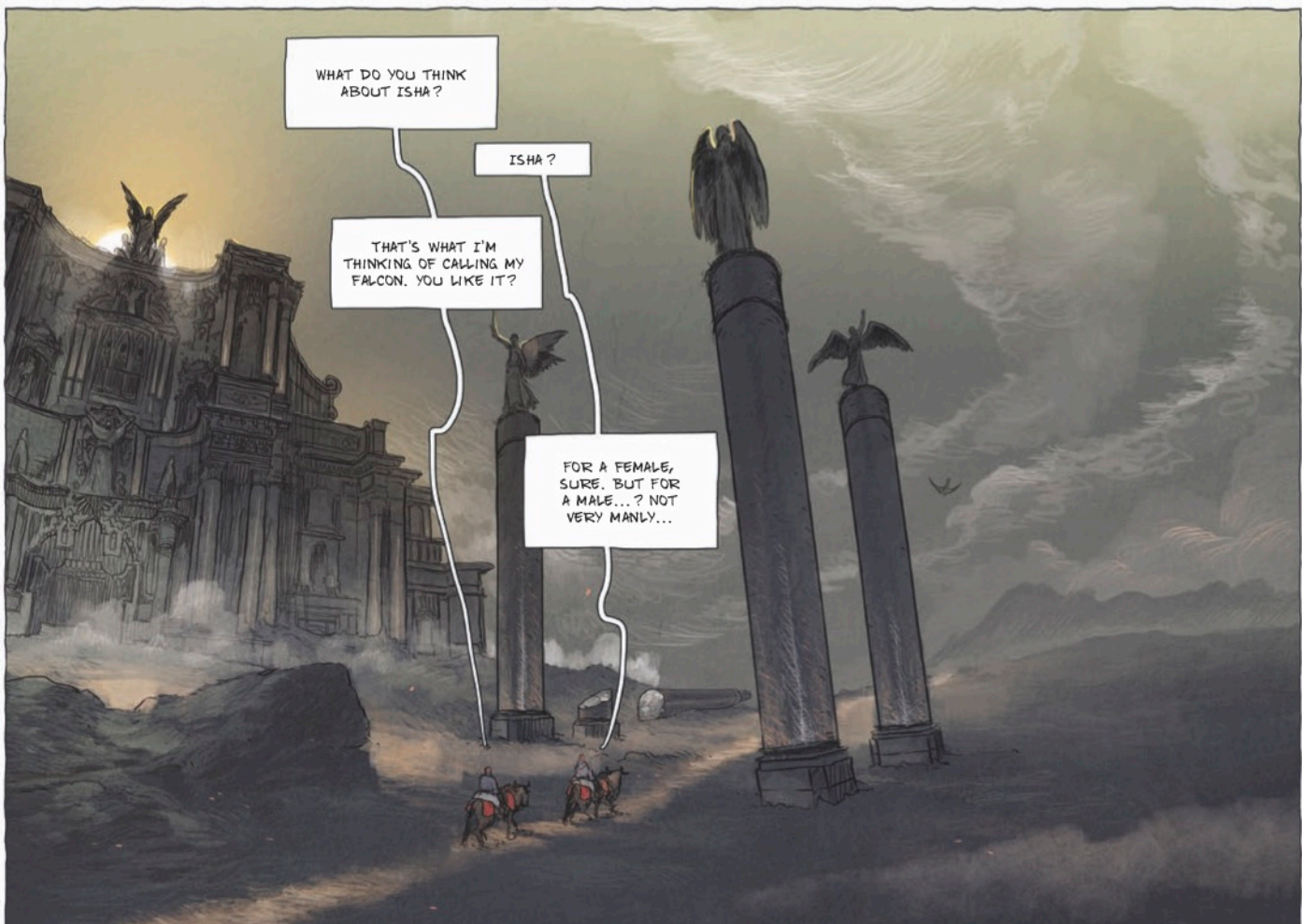
BUT DON'T WORRY --
PRETTY SOON, WE
WON'T NEED THEM TO
UNDERSTAND THE
WORLD...



WE AREN'T TAKING
RÄTTVIG PASS?

NO. WITH THE RECENT
RAIN, WE'D RISK GETTING
STUCK IN FEMUND.

WE'LL FOLLOW THREE ORC LAKE.
IT'S LONGER, BUT WE'LL GET
THROUGH, AT LEAST.



WHAT DO YOU THINK
ABOUT ISHA?

ISHA?

THAT'S WHAT I'M
THINKING OF CALLING MY
FALCON. YOU LIKE IT?

FOR A FEMALE,
SURE. BUT FOR
A MALE...? NOT
VERY MANLY...

